GOSSIP OF THE STREET PHILADELPHIA MARKETS

ALLOWANCES BY McADOO FOR RAILROADS OCCASION WIDELY DIVERGENT VIEWS

\$10,000,000 Federal Farm Loan Bonds Sold in One Afternoon-Bond Market Trend Still Upward. Gossip of the Street

THE inherent strength of the stock market has ceased to cause any particular attention for some time past; it has become a matter of tinguish it from any of the last three or four session

Referring to the repeated rumors affecting the Baldwin stock. banker in close touch with the affairs of that company says that the

In conclusion he said: "One thing is certain, Baldwin Loco interests are in no way indentified with the movement of the stock or responsible for the engagerated estimates of earnings that have been published laters.

the Street and in many brokers' offices that "there's something doing" izing the large sums recently put back into the company in connection with a prospective stock dividend

Marine Bonds' Retirement Rumored

It is rumored that the 6 per cent sinking fund hands of the Inter national Mercantile Marine are soon to be retired at 110. It might be a multitude of rumors some, perhaps regalify, but many not con

the strength which the bonds show around pay, as well as for the large turnover recently. Everything in connection with these bonds revolves around the progress made in connection with the sale of the company's British subsidiaries to an English syndicate. In many quarters in the financial district there is a strong impression that no result will arrive from the negotiations said to be in progress at present.

Comment on Railroad Budget

Yesterday morning, after the burst of enthusiasm over Director Gen eral McAdoo's approval of liberal expenditures for betterments of the railroads had time to subside, bankers and brokers were asking them seives and one another what it all meant

Some were inclined to regard the provisions as exceedingly the among such railroad men as had studied the subject that the rate of expenditure each year in order to keep the rationals of the country in proper condition would be a minimum of \$1,000,000,000, and might even

These estimates were made before the war had created a new standard of prices both for labor and material, and they argue that as the amount named by the director general fell short of the minimum, it will come far short of meeting the requirements of the roads at the present abnormal prices for everything which enters into the category of betterments. Another point which they emphasize is that the roads must now handle at least 25 per cent more traffic than they did before the war-

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Another angle of this railroad announcement lay in the supposition many bankers and brokers that the railroad administration had committed itself to provide for each road the sums authorized, aggregating almost \$938,000,000, but they soon found out that this was not so, It is now the generally accepted orango in financial circles that the cutroads had submitted certain plans to Director General McAdoo and that to provide the money

It is supposed the railroads will be expected to finance their own requirements; subject to the approval of the capital issues committee and in such instances where the company is in such a condition that it could not attract new capital the Government will come to its assistance, either from the revolving fund or from the road's own sources of income.

Duquesne Lighting Company to Issue Notes

Apropos of the recent difficulties of the Philadelphia Company, of Pittsburgh, Pa., with its subsidiary, the Pittsburgh Railways Company, it reported that arrangements are nearing completion for the sale of \$10,000,000 Dunuesne Lighting Company usnether subsidiary of the Philadelphia Company; 6 per cent notes to run for two or three years.

The reports which were current on the Street that the company was going to put out only \$3,000,000 of these notes at this time were evi-

It is said the syndicate which has charge of the underwriting of these notes is composed of the First National Bank, the Chase National Bank, Ladenburg. Thaiman & Co. and Harris. Forbes & Co., of New York. It is understood the issue will be offered at an early date on a basis showing a yield around 612 per cent or better.

\$10,000,000 Farm Loan Bonds Sold in Day

Hewlett A. Sealy, local representative of Lee, Higginson & Co. one of the syndicate members selling the new 5 per cent tax-free Federal farm-loan bonds, had a telegram from his house announcing that \$10,000,000 of the bonds had been sold on Monday afternoon. They had first been publicly offered on Monday morning.

Mr. Sealy says they are meeting a ready sale in Philadelphia and he has had a large number of inquiries about them. He attributes their popularity largely to the fact that they are as free from taxation as the 81/2 per cent Liberty Bonds and also because their basis of value is the farm, which, when all is said and done, is the basis of all values.

Bond Market Trend Still Upward

In a recent review of the bond market Dow. Jones & Co. say: 'Not only foreign Government bonds, but also bonds of United States railroad corporations have advanced in market price since the German drive started on March 21, 1918, and they are now generally at the high price of the year, with the largest improvement made in the last two weeks.

"On January 18, 1917, the average price of corporation bonds reached the highest figure since the stock exchange reopened in November 1914 Then followed a decline, which was gradual throughout the year until December 28, when a rally took place following the announcement that the Government had taken control of the railroads.

"During January and February, 1918, the trend was upward, and in early March, before the German drive started, there was a decline, which has been subsequently overcome by an advance most marked in the last two weeks, under the influence of satisfactory war conditions and the success of the third Liberty Loan.

"The greatest advance was in second-grade rails, which gained 1.85 points. Strength in these issues is attributed principally to the fact that the Government now controls the railroads and guarantees interest on the bonds during the war and for twenty-one months thereafter. Not one bond among the second-grade rails shows a decline. High-grade rails were next in point of advance, with public utilities third and indus-

"The surprising feature in this tabulation is that the advance in public utilities was greater than in industrials. Earnings of the former fell off in 1917, while the industrial corporations generally showed the best earnings in their history."

Up to the present time \$14,000,000 has been drawn on the \$100,000,000 ban financing fund, of which \$10,000,000 represents acceptance bills and 100,000 unter of the Cuban Sugar Corporation, the company that was neg by the syndicate for the purpose of miding in the financing of the language crop.

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Trenton, N. J., Mas 27 - Fred Payne, an employe of the Traylor Simbulling Company, of Cornwells, Pa, was assaulted and robbed of \$27 at a lonely shot near this city rate last night by three men in an automobile.

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